

# Angela Davis Outlines Her Views on Teaching

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The true purpose of intellectual freedom is to "linkup" student dissatisfaction with "real, concrete struggles" for social reform off campus, Angela Davis said Sunday.

Miss Davis, a Communist Party member who the UC Board of Regents is seeking to fire from her acting assistant professorship at UCLA, gave a 25-minute speech at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica to the 13th annual fundraising banquet for the People's World, the Communist Party newspaper.

## Criticize, Unmask

The proper use of the classroom, she said, is to "unveil those who perpetuate suffering" and to "criticize and unmask the predominant ideas for what they are." If no positive solutions are presented to students, "academic freedom is a real farce," she said.

She drew applause when she said, "... Socialism alone can solve the problems created by capitalism for its own sustenance."

The way to test the validity of "bourgeois democratic concepts" such as freedom of speech, free-

dom of the press and freedom of thought is "to test their application to suppressed peoples, Miss Davis said.

Capitalism will cancel out these freedoms when the suppressed try to use them to their own advantage, she said.

When, for example, freedom of thought leads to "active resistance," Miss Davis said, capitalism "denies them this right."

"It is up to us to push these freedoms to their very limits," she added.

"... We have to fight these proponents of selective democracy and expose the limits of bourgeois democracy," Miss Davis said.

She said that school and college administrators had resisted the initiation of black study programs because they feared the liberating influence of education that would have "repercussions throughout the universities." Likewise, she said, the regents were opposing her hiring because they did not want the university involved in off-campus social issues.

About 1,000 persons attended the banquet.